

**Huntingdon and Godmanchester
Borough Council**

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**HUNTINGDON AND GODMANCHESTER
BOROUGH COUNCIL
1971**

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for the
BOROUGH of HUNTINGDON and GODMANCHESTER
for the year ended 31st December, 1971

Mr. Mayor, Alderman and Councillors,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Borough for the year ended 31st December, 1971.

Vital Statistics

Population. The estimated mid-year population shows a considerable rise this year compared with the very marginal increase which occurred in 1970. Some 840 persons have been added to the total figure which now stands at 16,570.

Birth Rate. There were 24 fewer births credited to the Borough this year compared with last year and for the second year in succession the corrected birth rate was at a slightly lower rate than the figure for the country as a whole. During the year 295 live births took place giving the Borough a birth rate of 13.9 per 1,000 population compared with 16.0 for England and Wales.

Still-Births. 4 Still-births were recorded during the year giving a still-birth rate of 13 per 1,000 live and still-births. This rate is just above the national average (12) and is well up on last year's figure when only 1 still-birth was recorded.

Death Rate. The downward trend in the death rate within the Borough continues — there being 10 fewer deaths this year compared with 1970. The local adjusted rate now stands at 9.5 per 1,000 population compared with 11.6 for the Country as a whole.

Infant Mortality. 4 Infants died during the year before reaching the age of 1 year, giving an infant mortality rate of 14 per 1,000 live births — a figure which is still somewhat below the national average of 18.

Infectious Disease. The incidence of notifiable infectious disease continued to fall during the year and in the 12 months ending December 31st only 24 cases occurred and of these 20 were in respect of measles.

Social Conditions

Hospital Facilities. We were gratified to learn in a letter from the Chairman of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board in December that planning of the new Huntingdon Hospital is in an advanced stage and that the Hospital Board has submitted an outline planning proposal to the Department of Health and Social Security, giving a provisional assessment of the complete Huntingdon Hospital. It is envisaged that the new hospital will house a total bed compliment of around 500 beds allocated roughly as follows : —

General Acute	250
Obstetric	60
Geriatric	150
Psychiatric Acute	50
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	510

It appears that the proposal for phase one of the new hospital will include a geriatric ward unit of at least 100 beds plus a geriatric day hospital.

The Regional Hospital Board hope that a start will be made on the construction of phase one during 1973 and that subject to finance, it appears that there is no reason why construction of the complete hospital should not be carried out between 1975 and 1980.

It is hoped that the appropriate Government Department will make the necessary finance available.

Finally I should like to thank Mr. Parcell, Mr. Firmedow and all members of the Department's staff for their hard work and steady support throughout the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES CALDWELL.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1971

Area	7,107 acres
Number of inhabited houses, at 31.3.71	5,218
Rateable value of the District, at 31.3.71	£827,068
Value of penny rate, at 31.3.71 est.	£3,284
Estimated population (mid 1970)	15,730
Estimated population (mid 1971)	16,570

Live Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	128	145	273
Illegitimate	9	13	22
Totals ...	137	158	295

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population	17.8
Birth rate corrected by comparability factor (.78) ...	13.9
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)	16.0

Still Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Totals ...	1	3	4

Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still-births	13
Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still-births (England and Wales)	12

Deaths	70	73	143
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population			8.6
Death rate corrected by comparability factor (1.11) ...			9.5
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population (England and Wales)			11.6

Infant Mortality — Deaths of infants under 1 year of age :

Legitimate	—	4	4
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Totals ...	—	4	4

Infant Mortality rate (Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live and still-births)	14
Infant Mortality rate (England and Wales)	18

Table classifying deaths under age groups

				Male	Female	Total
Age						
Under 4 weeks	...	...	...	—	3	3
4 weeks and under 1 year	...	...	...	—	1	1
1 and under 4 years	...	...	...	—	—	—
5 and under 14 years	...	...	...	2	—	2
15 and under 24 years	...	...	...	—	1	1
25 and under 34 years	...	...	...	—	2	2
35 and under 44 years	...	...	...	1	—	1
45 and under 54 years	...	...	...	6	3	9
55 and under 64 years	...	...	...	11	4	15
65 and under 74 years	...	...	...	17	10	27
75 years and over	...	...	...	33	49	82
Totals				70	73	143

The following table indicates the trend in population, birth and death rates for the Borough over the past five years :—

			1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Population	...	...	14,760	15,220	15,650	15,730	16,570
Live Births							
Total Live Births	...		374	330	344	319	295
Crude Birth Rate	...		25.3	21.7	22.0	20.3	17.8
Area Comparability Factor			.78	.78	.78	.78	.78
Corrected Birth Rate...			19.8	16.9	17.2	15.8	13.9
Birth Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0	16.0
Deaths							
Total Deaths	...	...	128	153	173	153	143
Crude Death Rate	...		8.7	10.1	11.1	9.7	8.6
Area Comparability Factor			1.04	.92	1.04	1.11	1.11
Corrected Death Rate			9.0	9.3	11.5	10.8	9.5
Death Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	11.2	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6

Notifications of Infectious Disease during 1971

					Total cases notified
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	2
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	20
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	—
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	—
Infective Jaundice	...	...	...	...	2
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	—
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	—
Acute Meningitis	...	...	...	...	—
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	—
Total					24

CAUSES OF DEATH (Registrar General's List)

List No.	Causes	Male	Female
B4	Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	—	1
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	—	1
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	2	2
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ...	3	1
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	8	—
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	—	3
B19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate ...	3	—
B19(10)	Leukaemia	1	—
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms ...	4	2
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	1	—
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	1
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	1
B27	Hypertensive Disease	2	1
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	19	14
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease ...	2	3
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	5	15
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	4
B32	Pneumonia	6	11
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema ...	2	4
B34	Peptic Ulcer	1	—
B37	Cirrhosis of Liver	1	—
B46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	—	1
B46(11)	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	—	3
B42	Congenital Anomalies	1	2
B44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	—	1

List No.	Causes	Male	Female
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	—
BE48	All Other Accidents	3	1
BE49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	—	1
		—	—
	Total all Causes ...	70	73
		—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

Total number of persons on Register at 31st December, 1971—47

Pulmonary — 43

Non-Pulmonary — 4

No new cases diagnosed

No new cases transferred

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, in connection with persons suffering from Tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

FOR THE AREA

(a) Laboratory Facilities

The following Laboratory facilities have been available to the Authority and to General Practitioners in the area : —

Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge
(Tel : Cambridge 55526).

Public Analyst (S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.I.C.), Tennyson Road, Cambridge (Tel : Cambridge 2097).

(b) Ambulance Service

Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service have been available on doctor's orders. (Tel : Huntingdon 53348).

(c) Home Nursing

Nurse/Midwives employed and supervised by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council carried out home nursing and attended maternity cases within the Borough.

(d) Clinic and Treatment Centres

(i) The following Health Services were provided by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council : —

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Infant Welfare	Children (0—5 years)	Every Tuesday 2—4 p.m.	Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.
		2nd & 4th Wednesday in month 2—4 p.m.	Health Centre, St. Annes Lane Godmanchester.
Dental	Pre-school and Schoolchildren, Pre-natal and Nursing mothers	By appointment.	Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.
		By appointment.	ditto

- (ii) The following Health Services were provided by the Regional Hospital Board : —

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Chest	All ages	Every Thursday 9.30—12.30 p.m. 2—3 p.m.	County H'pital, Huntingdon.
Venereal Disease	All cases	Tuesday from 2 p.m.—6 p.m. Thursday from 2 p.m.—6 p.m.	Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.
	Males	Monday from 5 p.m. Wed. from 5.30 p.m.	Clinic 5, Outpatients Department,
	Females	Tuesday from 10.30 a.m. Thursday from 4.30 p.m.	Peterborough District Hospital, Peterborough.

- (iii) The following services are provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service : —

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Ophthalmic	Pre-school and Schoolchildren	By appointment.	Child Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-Patients Clinics are held at the County Hospital, Huntingdon and Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

(e) Hospital Services

Fever. Cases of Infectious Disease requiring hospital treatment are admitted to isolation hospital at Cambridge, Peterborough or Ely.

General Hospital Services are provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon, and Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases are admitted to Primrose Lane Maternity Unit, Huntingdon, or Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

(f) Family Planning Clinics

Huntingdon Held at Child Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon. Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

(To make an appointment call at Clinic or telephone Huntingdon 53398 after 7 p.m. Wednesday evenings ONLY).

St. Ives Held at the Child Health Centre, Ramsey Road, St. Ives. Every Monday 9.30 — 11 a.m. (To make an appointment call at Clinic or telephone St. Ives 62622 during sessions ONLY).

St. Neots Held at Child Health Centre, Almond Road, St. Neots. Tuesday evenings 7 — 9 p.m.
1st and 3rd Thursday mornings 9.30 — 11.30 a.m. (To make an appointment telephone Huntingdon 72261 during session times ONLY).

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1971

Housing General

The total housing stock at 31st December, 1971 comprised of 2,724 dwellings including 1,839 on the Town Expansion sites. This represented 52.3% of the habitable dwellings in the Borough.

SUMMARY OF HOUSING AND ALLIED MATTERS

for the 12 months ending 31st December, 1971

(1) *Housing Needs*

Applications renewed of 1972 list : 143

Allocations made over the past three years

			G.L.C. Nominees	Local List Applicants	Key Workers Service Industries	Total
1969	...	...	174	42	24	240
1970	...	...	101	81	29	211
1971	...	...	75	116	50	241

(2) *Housing Available*

The Town Expansion scheme produced a further 38 dwellings, but there continued to be a stock of empty houses awaiting G.L.C. nominees. Towards the end of the year the Council agreed to use for local needs empty relet dwellings for which the G.L.C. held nomination rights. At the 31st December there were a total of 147 empty G.L.C. dwellings (including new and relet property).

(a) *Casual Vacancies over past three years*

1969	...	...	94	27	15	136
1970	...	...	104	39	15	158
1971	...	...	153	49	48	250

(b) *Schemes in Hand*

Warden Service Scheme

Rectory Gardens, Contract let, (24 units plus bungalows and small houses).

Avenue Road

Improvement of 40 dwellings, Tender accepted subject D.o.E.

Hartford Road

6 Flats, Tenders not yet invited.

Park Lane

Land available for eight dwellings.

Town Expansion

(i) 241 houses under construction.

(ii) G.L.C. Infill sites 8 18 dwellings.
 9 6 dwellings.

G.L.C. Architect preparing plans.

(iii) G.L.C. Shortfall sites North West of Railway 450 dwellings. Outline Planning permission applied for.

(iv) Sapley Square, Warden Scheme, 28 dwellings. Planning permission applied for.

(v) Sapley Square, Land available, 10 dwellings.

Slum Clearance

Very little new action was commenced during the year although a number of occupiers of declared property were re-housed.

Towards the end of the year the Council gave instructions for the remainder of the current four year programme to be brought forward for completion during 1972.

Improvement Grants

The Improvement Grant Scheme continues to interest the public and many enquiries have been made by the public as a result of television and National Press advertising.

Improvement Areas

The Council declared its first General Improvement Area during the year. A public meeting was held to discuss the Improvements in this area and as a result of this meeting some alterations to the original plan of the area were made by the Planning Department.

Housing Act, 1969, Qualification Certificates

A number of applications for Qualification Certificates were received. In all cases the landlord was asked to carry out repairs before the issuing of a certificate.

Water Supplies

All piped supplies are provided by the Nene and Ouse Water Board. All dwellings are supplied direct. Only two houses are without piped supplies.

On two occasions during the year the water was polluted and resulted in foul tasting water which was bacteriologically safe. The Water Board carried out investigations and traced the cause and source of the pollution.

Bacteriological samples are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Cambridge or Peterborough and the results are passed to the Water Board.

Samples Taken 22 Satisfactory Results 19 Unsatisfactory 3

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The Sewage Treatment works continue to cope with the flows produced by the very careful attention on the part of the Manager and his staff. The acquisition of land for new extensions have been approved.

Cesspits were continued to be emptied by a Contractor at the Council's expense.

Statutory Nuisances

There were no Statutory notices served. All complaints of nuisances were investigated and all dealt with informally.

Refuse Disposal and Collection

The Borough Surveyor is responsible for the collection and disposal of refuse. A weekly collection is made to all premises in the district and disposed of at Buckden refuse tip situated in St. Neots Rural District Council.

The Council continue to collect refuse from food premises three times weekly and this practice has ensured that food premises keep the problems of refuse down to a minimum. Large supermarkets now have containers which are removed by Contractors. One supermarket has provided its own incinerator which has operated without causing a nuisance.

Rivers and Streams

The river is used by many visitors for boating and fishing, but there have been no complaints received. Swimmers continue to use the river with no apparent ill effects.

The build-up foam at the sluice gates which was so apparent a few years ago no longer occurs.

Swimming Pools

The Council owned pool continues to run satisfactorily. No complaints were received regarding the Council's swimming pool or at the three school swimming pools.

Rodent Control

The Council employ a full time operator and also have a member of the Housing Maintenance staff trained to act as a stand-by during absence of the full time operator.

The courses run by the Ministry of Agriculture have proved to be an advantage to the full time Rodent Operator, and have also helped in the training of stand-by staff.

A problem with Warfarin resistant mice was experienced and this resulted in more than the average number of visits being made to each property. This problem was partly overcome by using different poisons.

Infestations

The treatment of wasps is not carried out by the Council, but advice is given where necessary.

Only one property was found to be infested with bed bugs.

There were nine complaints received regarding fleas.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

The following sites were licensed at the end of 1970 :—

1. Anchor Cottage — 15 Caravans and 20 tents/vans during the Summer.
2. Deep Meadow — 22 Caravans.
3. Knighton's — 7 Caravans.

There are also a number of individual sites licensed in addition to a number of vans on exempted sites.

It was again necessary to speak to a number of gypsies during the year and they were asked to move from the roadside to a more satisfactory site and this can only be provided when the County Council have decided where a permanent site for these travellers is to be sited.

Clean Air Act

The Council do not operate any Smoke Controlled areas, but

do continue to insist on all new dwellings being equipped with appliances capable of burning smokeless fuels.

There were two applications for prior approval.

Agricultural (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956

This act is only implemented if visits are made to farms for some other purpose. The local agricultural operators are not labour intensive and all the workers involved are generally able to return home on meal times.

Licensing Act, 1961

There were no new premises referred to the department.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

There are three premises registered for the sale of pets. All of the premises comply with the licensing conditions with regard to structures and fittings. It has been necessary to warn one owner regarding the cleanliness of the rear yard where animals are kept.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

There was only one complaint received during the year and this was fully investigated. The complainant lived next door to a vehicle repair shop and had done so for over 20 years. The complaints had arisen after the retirement of the complainant. On investigation it was found that there was no Statutory Nuisance being caused.

It is hoped to build up both a noise map and pattern of noise intensity which could provide some evidence of the effect that changing traffic flows and industry are having on the environment.

During the year a number of sound level meter readings were taken at various points in the town. The level of noise at 22 points around the town are taken once a month at varying times during the day.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

One factory is registered under this Act. Samples are not taken at the factory, but the Company does sample its materials at the main factory at London.

Shops Act, 1950

It has only been necessary to warn one shop for trading on six days. The store had advertised in the local press that for three weeks before the Christmas holiday the store would be open for six days. This matter was dealt with informally and only a warning given.

Advice has been given to traders on the steps necessary before 6 day trading can be authorised.

Factories Act, 1961

For Summary of inspections see tables.

It was not necessary to take any formal action against any factory.

Petroleum Acts and Regulations

There are 32 premises licensed for the storage of petroleum

and/or petroleum mixture. All the premises were visited during the year.

There were no problems during the year and thirteen premises were closed and the tanks removed.

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

(a) Ice Cream

There are no Ice Cream Manufacturers in the town. The total number of premises registered for the sale of ice cream is 51.

Regular inspections of all premises and mobile vehicles were made and it was necessary to warn one trader for not keeping their van in a satisfactory manner.

15 samples were purchased and tested under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations. These were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory who gave the following results :—

Grade 1 ... 14
Grade 2 ... 1

(b) Slaughter Houses

There are no slaughter houses operating in the Borough. Arrangements have been made for local butchers to use the St. Ives Abattoir for slaughtering.

(c) Bakehouses

There is only one bakehouse in the town and extensive alterations have been carried out and further improvements are being made to the remainder of the premises.

(d) Food Premises

There is a small factory manufacturing meat pies and other cooked meat products. Regular visits are made to all food premises and there has been no cause for concern during the year.

(e) Food Inspection

There were four complaints investigated after complaints by the public.

- (a) 3 mouldy meat pies
- (b) 1 sour ox tongue

It was found necessary to take legal action against the venders of the three mouldy meat pies and the firms concerned were fined a total of :—

in case 1 = £10 fine, £10 costs
in case 2 = £10 fine, £12.50 costs
in case 3 = £10 fine, £15 costs

(f) Unfit Foods

Cooked Meat and Meat Products	1 cwt. 27 lbs.
Canned Meats	2 cwt. 106lbs.
Fish	50 lbs.
Fruit and Vegetables	10 cwt. 103 lb.s
Miscellaneous	3 cwt. 33 lbs.
Frozen Food to the value of £720	
All food was offered for voluntary surrender by the retailers.	

(i) Housing Act, 1957		
Number of Clearance Areas declared, 1971	...	Nil
Number of houses in all areas	... ..	Nil
Number of houses dealt with individually, 1971	...	3
Number of houses to be dealt with, 1972	... ..	60
Number of housing inspections, 1971	... ..	169
(ii) Improvement Grants		
Number of applications for Discretionary Grants, 1971	... ..	13
Number of Discretionary Grants approved, 1971		13
Number of applications for Standard Grants, 1971		10
Number of Standard Grants approved, 1971	...	10
Number of visits	... ..	169
(iii) Improvement Areas		
Areas formally declared, General Improvement Area	... ..	1
Number of houses in area	... ..	152
Number of proposed General Improvement Areas		7
(iv) Qualification Certificates		
Number of applications received where property has all standard amenities	... ..	9
Number of applications approved and certificates issued	... ..	7
Number of applications approved subject to work being carried out	... ..	2
Number of applications received where property does not have all the standard amenities	...	1
Number of certificates issued	... ..	1
(v) Houses in Multiple Occupation		
Number of houses in multiple occupation	...	5
Number of inspections	... ..	15
Number of houses requiring additional work	...	1
(vi) Food Hygiene		
Total number of food premises, all kinds	... ..	92
Total number of fish shops	... ..	4
Total number of making up premises	... ..	16
Total number of cafes/restaurants	... ..	19
Total number of hotels	... ..	3
Total number of bakehouses	... ..	1
Total number of fresh fish shops	... ..	1
Total number of licensed premises	... ..	25
Total number of supermarkets	... ..	7
Total number of other type food shops	... ..	16
Total number of visits to food premises, 1971	...	787
Total number of complaints received, unsound food	... ..	4

	Total number of prosecutions for selling unsound food	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Total amount of food voluntarily surrendered	1 ton 2 cwt.					
	Total number of inspections of meat and fish exposed for sale	...	...	...	...	...	32
	Total number of containerised foods inspected	...					Nil
	Total number of premises licensed to sell milk	...					32
	Total number of premises registered to sell ice cream	...	...	...	...	...	38
	Total number of ice cream manufacturers	...					Nil
(vii)	Animal and Riding Establishments						
	Number of animal boarding establishments	...					Nil
	Number of riding establishments	...	...	...			Nil
(viii)	Scrap Metal Dealers						
	Number of registered scrap dealers	...	...				2
	Number of inspections	...	...	...	...		2
(ix)	Pet Animals Act						
	Number of pet shops licensed	...	...	...			3
	Number of pet shops inspected, under Pet Animals Act	...	...	...	...	...	20
(x)	Public Health General						
	Number of complaints received, 1971	...	...				120
	Number of complaints visited	...	...	...			120
	Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...		Nil
	Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
	Number of verminous premises visited 1971	...					9
	Formal action	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
	Informal action	...	...	...	...	...	9
	Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
	Common Lodging Houses	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(xi)	Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960						
	Number of licensed sites	...	...	...	...		3
	Total number of vans, licensed sites	...	...				44
	Total number of holiday vans/tents	...	...				20
	Number of local authority sites	...	...	...			Nil
	Number of visits to caravan sites	...	...	...			32
(xii)	Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949						
	Number of properties inspected as a result of notification	...	...	...	...	...	172
	Number of properties inspected by survey under the Act	...	...	...	...	...	852
	Number of properties inspected primarily for other purposes (approx.)	...	...	...	...		1876
	Number of properties inspected infested with Rats						311
	Number of properties inspected infested with Mice						91
	Number of properties treated by Local Authority						382

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	33
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	107
Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	119
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	32
Verminous Premises	...	...	...	...	...	22
Food Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	254
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	19
Ice Cream Samples	...	...	...	...	...	15
Making-up Premises	...	...	...	...	...	141
Market	...	...	...	...	...	7
Mobile Shops	...	...	...	...	...	31
Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	32
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	17
Place of Public Entertainment	...	...	...	...	...	2
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	28
Housing Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	169
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	40
Improvement Grant	...	...	...	...	...	113
Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	72
Reinspections	...	...	...	...	...	59
O.S.R.	...	...	...	...	...	258
Water Samples	...	...	...	...	...	31
Pet Animal Act	...	...	...	...	...	20
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	57

Factories Act, 1961

	No. on Register	No. on Inspections	Notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which section 1 2 3 4 & 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	83	26	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	8	2	Nil	Nil
Cases in which defects were found	Found	Remedied		
Section 7, Sanitary conveniences insufficient	Nil	Nil		

Table A

Registrations
and General
Inspections

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

(1) Class of premises TOTALS	(2) Number of premises registered during the year	(3) Total number of registered premises at end of year	(4) Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	3	56	12
Retail Shops	5	59	16
Wholesale shops, warehouses Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	3	1
Fuel storage depots	2	16	14
	—	—	—

Table B Number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises = 258

Table C

Analysis of Persons
employed in
registered premises
by workplace.

(1) Class of workplace	(2) Number of persons employed	
		Total
Offices	348
Retail shops	419
Wholesale departments, ware- houses	65
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	96
Fuel storage depots	—
Total		928
Total Males		398
Total Females		530

Table D

Exemptions :	Part i	Space	= Nil
	Part ii	Temperature	= Nil
	Part iii	Sanitary Conveniences	= Nil
	Part iv	Washing Facilities	= Nil

Table E

Prosecutions	Nil
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Table F

No. of inspectors appointed under section 52 (1) of the Act	= 2
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Statistics of Accidents reported to enforcing Authority :—

1st Quarter	—	1
2nd Quarter	—	None
3rd Quarter	—	4
4th Quarter	—	None

GENERAL

While not being an outstanding year in the Public Health field it has not by any means been devoid of its highlights. An area which has long been treated as an unofficial Improvement Area was declared a General Improvement Area; a start was made on a simple noise monitoring scheme for the town; and the Council actually gave instruction for the unfit housing programme to be expedited !

While the general standard of hygiene in food premises did not fall, the general lack of interest in formal training previously reported appears to have resulted in an increased number of complaints which could generally be said to be due to bad stock rotation. In certain instances it was considered necessary to take formal proceedings.

Pollution of the river on at least two occasions resulted in a foul tasting, but bacteriologically safe water being supplied throughout the area. This served to emphasize locally the need for more control in the methods of the disposal of noxious materials. It is well known that such wastes are now being transported considerable distances for disposal and the days are passed when it was only necessary for the Public Health Inspector to be aware of the waste materials created by local industry.

The Town Expansion programme continued at a low intensity as did all the other expanding towns this year. The number of dwellings vacated by G.L.C. nominees considerably exceeded incoming nominees but this was of benefit to applicants on the local housing list. It should be noted that more than 50% of the G.L.C. nominees vacating a Council dwelling remained in the area and less than 12% of those vacating a dwelling in Huntingdon did so in order to return to the G.L.C. area.

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